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BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: LIBYAN SECRETARIAT (MINISTRY) OF MARITIME TRANSPORT IS SEEKING TO HIRE TWO FOREIGN EXPERTS ON IMCO AFFAIRS. DEPT AND OTHER AGENCIES REQUESTED TO MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT BE QUALIFIED AND INTERESTED. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING CALL JANUARY 11 BY EMBASSY OFFICER ON MONIR SALEM, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MARINE AND TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT (MINISTRY) FOR MARINE TRANSPORT, LATTER SPOKE OF HIS DESIRE TO HIRE TWO EXPERTS ON IMCO MATTERS. MONIR SALEM SAID HIS DEPARTMENT LACKS SUFFICIENT QUALIFIED LIBYANS TO FULFILL ITS FUNCTIONS AND HAS HIRED A NUMBER OF EXPATRIATES FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN DIFFERENT TECHNICAL SPECIALTIES. HE IMPLIED DEPARTMENT WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY IN GIVING DESIRED ATTENTION TO IMCO MATTERS  
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AND SAID HE WOULD WELCOME OUR PASSING ALONG WORD THAT HE IS LOOKING FOR TWO EXPERTS IN THIS AREA. MONIR SALEM SAID IDEAL CANDIDATES WOULD BE RETIRED MEN WITH BACKGROUNDS IN MARITIME AFFAIRS AND SEVERAL YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH IMCO MEETINGS WHO WOULD LIKE TO LIVE IN MIDDLE EAST AND HELP A DEVELOPING COUNTRY BUILD. SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WOULD WORK IN OFFICES OF SALEM'S DEPARTMENT STUDYING IMCO

DOCUMENTS, ANALYZING IMPACT OF IMCO ACTIONS AND PROPOSED ACTIONS, DRAFTING LIBYAN POSITION PAPERS FOR IMCO MEETINGS, ATTENDING IMCO MEETINGS AT TIMES, IN SHORT PERFORMING FUNCTIONS WHICH AMOUNT TO ADVISERS ON IMCO MATTERS. ARABIC IS NOT REQUIRED BUT WOULD BE AN ASSET. EMBASSY OFFICER SUGGESTED LIBYAN DELEGATION DISCUSS THIS NEED INFORMALLY WITH US DELEGATION AT FEB 6-17 IMCO LONDON CONFERENCE AND MONIR SALEM HAS SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED US THAT DELEGATION MEMBER MR. NURI OF PORTS AND LIGHTS AUTHORITY MAY DO SO. INTERESTED CANDIDATES MAY SEND RESUME TO AND SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION FROM:

MR. MUNIR SALEM  
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MARINE AND TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT  
SECRETARIAT FOR MARITIME TRANSPORT  
P.O. BOX 8546  
TRIPOLI,  
SOCIALIST PEOPLES LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYAH (LIBYA)

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COMMENT: LIBYA NOW OWNS 13 OIL TANKERS, 8 CARGO VESSELS AND 3 PASSENGER SHIPS AND HAS A GROWING NEED  
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FOR COMPETENCE IN INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF MARITIME OPERATIONS. PRESUME LIKELY AMERICAN CANDIDATES WILL BE AWARE THAT LIVING CONDITIONS IN LIBYA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE LESS THAN IDEAL. NEVERTHELESS, SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF WESTERN EXPATRIATES ARE LIVING HERE, INCLUDING NUMBER OF AMERICANS WHO WORK FOR LIBYAN GOVERNMENT ENTITIES (OIL COMPANY, UNIVERSITIES, AIRLINE). POTENTIAL CANDIDATES SHOULD KNOW THAT HOUSING IS SCARCE AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE NOT ALWAYS ABLE TO DELIVER ON PROMISED HELP WITH HOUSING. HIGH COST OF SCHOOLING AND ABSENCE OF FACILITIES FOR AMERICANS BEYOND NINTH GRADE MAKE IT INADVISABLE TO BRING LARGE FAMILY TO TRIPOLI WITHOUT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AND PREPARATIONS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANY AMERICAN APPLICATIONS WHICH MAY COME TO DEPT'S ATTENTION.  
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